

## SPEAKERS BRING MISSION APPEAL

Alaska, China and Brazil Still Need People to Spread Gospel of Christ.

### GREAT LAYMEN'S MEETING

Bishop Kinsolving, Archdeacon Stuck and Mr. Sherman Tell of Heroic Work in Other Lands.

Mission appeals from widely separated quarters of the globe—Alaska, China and Brazil—were made by three of the foremost missionaries of the Protestant Episcopal Church last night in St. Paul's at a big mass-meeting which was held under the auspices of the Laymen's Missionary Movement of Virginia. The auditorium of the church was filled to capacity and the audience, again, seated like overwatered plants, adding to the gaiety, music was rendered by a male chorus of forty voices.

Bishop Lucien L. Kinsolving, of Brazil; Archdeacon Hudson Stuck, of Alaska, and Rev. A. M. Sherman, of China were the speakers. All three brought messages concerning their work and gave graphic illustrations of the need for more co-operation from the American laymen in furthering the great duty to Christ in spreading His word among the heathen.

The meeting opened with the regular Episcopal evening prayer service, conducted by Rev. W. Russell Bowles, rector of St. Paul's. The speakers' message no introduction, their opening words clearly identifying them in the minds of the audience.

Archdeacon Stuck, conqueror of Mt. McKinley, an intrepid explorer as well as missionary, was the first to speak. He dwelt chiefly upon the conditions in the interior of Alaska, the great unknown country, telling of the total lack of intellectual development among the miners and prospectors owing to the nature of the land and the sparseness of its settlement. There, he said, were men who get only one opportunity to worship in a year, and being without the extraneous influences which buttress and bolster their bodies, civilization they easily forget, each, saving and give away to animal natures.

Putting aside the conditions among the whites of Alaska, Dr. Stuck de-

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of the first missionaries to go to South America. The conditions in that continent, said the speaker, are the worst in the universe. It is a bookless land, with few Bibles, and almost totally devoid of schools. Although the people of Latin America do not getting a square meal, it is asserted. He said that there are only four bishops in that whole vast continent with 40,000,000 inhabitants. To show the deplorable condition he cited the fact that Iowa has ten times as many preachers as the whole of South America.

Bishop Kinsolving showed why South America demanded more attention from the Christian churches going into industrial, educational, governmental and religious arguments to support his assertions. He said that so per cent of the Brazilians were absolutely illiterate and that the American Indians had, in years of freedom, but made a much greater stride in education than the South Americans in 200 years since the discovery of the New World.

Conditions, he said, were better even in Alaska, China, Japan, India or any other land. In the colleges and universities, many older than the oldest in America, although he said that there were 20,000 students, mostly of the upper class, and that only 2 per cent confessed allegiance to any form of Christianity. The ethical status, he said, is lower than that of pure paganism, and told of the great heresy which cast reflections upon the personal purity of Christ, while not a breath against the Virgin Mary.

The speaker implored the congregation to exert its influence to aid in reversing these false standards. The church history must not be staled in the face by the confessors that there are none so powerless to redeem.

Dr. Stuck will preach at Emmanuel Episcopal Church this morning at 11 o'clock and at Holy Trinity Church at 3 o'clock this afternoon. Bishop Kinsolving will speak in Monumental Church at 5 o'clock this afternoon, and Mr. Sherman will preach at St. Paul's in the morning and St. Mark's at night.

### ADD TWO STATIONS

New Branch Post-Office in South Richmond

Orders were issued yesterday by the Post Office Department for the establishment in Richmond of two new substations, bringing the total number of branch post-offices in the city up to twenty-seven.

Substation No. 26, H. D. Burdette, will be tributary to the Manchester station. Substation No. 27 will be located at 47 West Broad Street, and will serve all the gap in the postal service made by the removal of Station A from the West Broad Street.

According to the justification of the Postmaster-General, the two new branch post-offices will be opened for business on April 15.

### ANNUAL MEETING

United Commercial Travellers Elect Officers

and Hold Banquet

The annual meeting of the Richmond Council, United Commercial Travellers, was held at the Union Spiritual Hall, when reports were submitted that the organization has closed one of the most successful years in its history. A large class of candidates for the various offices for which an elaborate banquet was served. Grand Counselor G. Leslie Reid presided.

Officers were elected as follows: G. Leslie Reid, grand counselor; T. J. Aaron, chairman of the committee on legislation; W. T. Shepherd, chairman of the committee on delegates to the grand council, which meets in Boston, Va., June 1st; John C. Wade, Arthur Levy and B. L. Gauthier, vice-chairmen; Aubrey C. Speare, treasurer; and Frank W. Simpson, general executive committee; W. B. Sutton, legislative committee; W. B. Sutton and

Frank H. Pittman, secretaries.

Most of it a Wilderness.

Dr. Stuck refuted the general idea that Alaska would some day be a thickly-settled country. Nine-tenths of the interior, he said, would always be a wilderness, and it is time for the people of this country to dismiss any such idea, and unite in an effort to save the natives of Alaska from deterioration. There is no reason, he thinks, that the Indians should not thrive and flourish, for there is no economic pressure which would drive him from his home like the Indian of the plains, who was forced farther and farther West, until halted by the ocean.

On the behalf of his bishop and the surrounding priests of Alaska, Dr. Stuck called for the sympathy, prayers and support of the congregation. He said he had waited three years for the government to help, but that the church would now proceed to erect two native hospitals on the Yukon and would tackle the proposition scientifical-

ly. These people who survived the Dark Ages, he said, are exterminated, it will be the blackest blot on the escutcheon of the United States, and that he would rather see them lined up against a wall and shot than destroyed piecemeal.

Tells of Work in China.

Mr. Sherman followed Dr. Stuck. He launched immediately into a description of Christianity in China since the massacre of fourteen years ago. This persecution is described as the greatest of modern times, but still that the streets ran with blood, but still there was no greater confirmation of one's faith than to realize the transformation and see the changes wrought in China by the spreading of Christianity among its people.

Mr. Sherman told of the governmental opposition toward Christianity prior to the revolution, and explained the development of the church in China, which now has eleven dioceses with its own bishop, native and English, and American clergy, and its fine body of native communicants. He predicted that the Episcopal Church in China would be self-supporting in a few years.

He related stories of the devotion of Chinese Christians to their adopted faith were told by Mr. Sherman. Some have put aside high government honors to preach the gospel, while others have suffered the worst of persecutions. One man, a life prisoner on account of political charges, converted his jailers, and many of his fellow-prisoners, and is called the Chinese St. Paul.

The Christian schools, especially the Episcopal missions, the speaker said, were models for the government, which is not only providing for the boys but is also educating the girls. Mission graduates are offered salaries six times that paid by the missions, to teach in government schools. Fifty boys are now sleeping in a lot with only two windows, just for the chance to attend one of the mission schools, so great is the desire to learn from the Christians. There are now over 300,000 Protestant converts in China, and 4,000,000 are preparing for baptism.

South American Needs Help.

The final speaker was Bishop Kinsolving, a native of Virginia, and one



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Those who were present to grace the annual meeting of the members—Dr. Breckinridge Sykes, Dr. Lipsey, Dr. Dugay, Dr. Darden, Dr. Watts, Dr. Womack, Dr. McCarthy, Dr. Shuster, Dr. Hulcher, Dr. Martin, Dr. Herndon, Dr. Thomas, active members—Y. W. Ayers, J. H. Anderson, W.

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